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WEATHER BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, May 10.—For Lower Michigan: Generally fair, slightly warmer, south winds.

PRESS CLUB VISITORS.

To show that the Press club has the welfare and prosperity of the city always uppermost, that organization purposes to invite to this city the colony of foreign newspaper correspondents now in attendance upon the world's fair.

President Fletcher has already wired the chief members of the colony, a numerous body, that the gates of the greatest furniture manufacturing city in the world will be thrown open to the distinguished journalists if they will accept the invitation to honor us by a visit during their stay in Chicago.

The Press club has consulted nobody in taking this initiative. Nobody need be consulted. To have such a body of eminent foreign newspaper correspondents in the city obviously of incalculable benefit to every manufacturer and resident. Everybody will indorse the action of the Press club. It means the heralding of Grand Rapids and its giant industry in every populous center of the world.

Other cities have eagerly grasped the opportunity to entertain these visiting newspaper men. They will be feted and banqueted in Milwaukee, St. Paul, St. Louis and other western towns. The Press club of Grand Rapids will invite them to come here. The Press club will show them our factories, our summer resorts and the attractions of the city. The details of their reception and entertainment will be arranged so soon as the date of their visit may be announced.

THAT COURT BILL.

Our neighbor, The Democrat, seems to think that the amendments to the bill abolishing the superior court will cripple the efficiency of that tribunal. Its fears in that respect are not well founded. The court will be rehabilitated so as to possess the necessary jurisdiction to discharge all the functions of a municipal, civil and criminal court.

It has never been contended that the superior court is necessary for any other purpose than to try and determine city cases. There is a wholesome doubt as to its real necessity even for such a purpose. However, the opponents to the court's abolition manufactured a sentiment in its favor by asserting and reasserting that if it were abolished a municipal court would be necessary. The radical abolitionists were willing to accept this sentiment at its full value. Hence this amended bill.

The amendments were not prepared by any clique of malcontents. They were drawn by one of the most scholarly and distinguished lawyers in the city, and by him submitted for approval to other lawyers of equal standing, who, for obvious reasons, do not desire to antagonize those who will be affected by them.

So much for the character of the amendments and their authorship.

It is contended by everybody familiar with the superior court that it is maintained at too great an expense. The amendments aim to curtail that expense. They will minimize the cost of justice, remove civil cases in general is cases and confine the court to its legitimate business. Such a court ought not to cost the taxpayers to exceed \$20,000 a year. It now costs more than \$30,000. As amended, the bill abolishing the court takes from it no needless authority, but does take away more than half the expense of maintenance. It ought to pass.

DEUEL DECAPITATED.

Something like a ghost of the unsavory Friedlander squaw wife scandal of two years ago has made its appearance in Washington. It is more real than a diaphanous spook, for it has been resurrected to meet a good republican, by force or fright, out of a postmaster's shop.

When the squawbunches rallied the remnants of the senate together to wait Friedlander and Morrow while the republicans were absent at Jackson, A. L. Deuel, an attorney at Harbor Springs, filed an action on behalf of Friedlander's squaw wife. The action created a greater sensation than the steal of the two senatorial seats.

Now that the democrats are in the traces Deuel, who is postmaster at Harbor Springs, has been selected for summary decapitation because he acted as an attorney for the wronged wife.

Congressman Woodcock has appeared before Headman Maxwell and preferred a long list of "offenses" charges against Deuel. He is accused for having been chairman of the republican county committee, editor of a republican paper,

lawyer, postmaster, gentleman, and "the republican party of Emmet county." These charges ought to settle his fate.

But to add to the force of the reasons presented, he is also charged with having brought the action for Friedlander's squaw wife for political purposes. Maxwell is convinced. Deuel must be decapitated, decapitated and decapitated. He is the very worst republican Deuel the democrats have yet fought. Out he goes.

PRESIDENT CLARKSON frankly disavowed intent to represent the republican party in expressing his views on the money question. While it is true that every dollar, whether gold, silver or paper, issued as such by the government, should be equal and interchangeable, still there must be a common basis of value, of intrinsic worth, by which redemption of the pledge to pay the face value may be made. A paper dollar has no intrinsic value, a fluctuating silver market destroys the stability of silver, hence the metal having the most unvarying, unchangeable value, permanent intrinsic worth in the markets of the world, should be made the basis of our money system. In all other respects his address is a remarkable fine exhortation to continued republican enthusiasm.

In proposing to change the basis of representation in the national republican convention from two delegates for each congressional district to one delegate for each 7,000 voters the true basis of representation is approximated. The senatorial representation of boroughs is the same as that of states containing millions in inhabitants and wealth. Unequal representation is as pernicious as unequal taxation. The republican voters of the union should be represented in national convention, not the bulldozers and ballot-box stuffers of congressional districts, wherein in many instances the two delegates represent the voting strength of the republican party.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has made a personal investigation of the charges made by New York publications against the official integrity of Assistant Secretary Spaulding. Supervising Special Agent Tingle and General Tichenor, president of the board of general appraisers at the port of New York, and as a result authorized the publication of a statement affirming their innocence of the charges. The charge was that of undervaluing the importation of favored firms. As the officials mentioned are all hold over republicans, their exoneration by Secretary Carlisle is highly creditable both to him and to them.

DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIS has officially announced that it will cost each individual \$12.75 to visit all the side shows and see everything shown on the Midway Plaisance. If he had figured in another quarter the blooming collection of fakes would be deservedly "thirtened," and several thousand anxious and superstitious folks would shun the whole business.

Upon the announcement that the New York Central Railroad company would put on a train to make the run from New York to Chicago in nineteen hours, the trunk line commissioners filed a protest. They hold there is no public demand for such a fast train, and that it is purely in the nature of an advertisement for the Central. This discovers a new form of "ethics."

One of the paradoxical things about the barbers' trouble over the scale is that their customers are making no complaint against the rates. They ought to be able to adjust their difference so that their patrons may be shaved in peace.

According to the New York Sun the art of complimenting is a very delicate one. The democrat office-seekers who are denied personal interviews with Cleveland evidently have not learned it.

In the preliminary bout with the hucksters the grocers won the first fall. The next round will be fought in the council, the odds being largely with the rent and tax paying merchants.

KENTUCKY'S great Derby was won by Lookout in the presence of 20,000 persons. This event opens the American racing season for 1905. Look out for some lively sport.

HEREAFTER it will be legally as well as morally wrong to tap telegraph wires. The victimized bucket shop gamblers have moved on the legislature with surprising celerity.

Now that the governor has signed our river improvement enabling bill the taxpayers of this city will unite to set the machinery in motion.

It is strongly suspected that Secretary Carlisle obtained his knowledge of financing from the Australian banking system.

HENRY WATERSON'S star-eyed gold-dove was among the first to extend a welcome to the republican delegates at Louisville.

SPARK is annoyed by a treasury surplus of one million dollars. Grover and Carlisle ought to be sent for to dispathe it.

As the day for final adjournment approaches, the legislature shows a disposition to utilize every moment of time.

CONGRESSMEN murderers and unfaithful women have one characteristic in common. They are always innocent.

Work upon the administration tariff bill is not proceeding as smoothly as it was expected to do. Obstacles are appearing on every side, and their number is constantly increasing. They have become so numerous, in fact, that it is

understood that one radical change has already been made in the plan upon which it was originally proposed to construct the bill.

THEATER NOTES.

This evening The Powers will be lighted for a novel and interesting entertainment. The Schubert club is an organization that always stands ready to contribute to the success of local literary and musical events. The club will be assisted by a bevy of the prettiest girls in town, attired in natty uniforms, to execute the Pythian drill. The two features will unite to make an evening of unalloyed pleasure. The sale of seats is very large and society will doubtless fill the house to the doors.

May 17, next Wednesday evening, the great Boston Symphony orchestra will appear in Hartman's. This is the greatest and grandest orchestra in the world. It is brought here through the enterprise of local musicians who have individually and collectively pledged the required guarantee. The box office sheets show a purpose to encourage this spirit of enterprise. The evening will be one of exquisite pleasure to all who may attend the performance.

Manager Smith's elaborate bill is a strong card. The various specialty artists outrank the common run of vaudeville players and the result is a performance essentially good enough for the drawing room. The watchword at Smith's is "fun without vulgarity." In carrying it out no performer is permitted to use profanity on the stage. In this respect a wholesome lesson may be learned by many traveling companies, which appear in the other theatres. The performances at Smith's are always clean, wholesome and respectable. Regular matinee tomorrow and Saturday.

Minstrels come and minstrels go, but it seems that Lew Dockstader is "in it" for many moons to come. When asked the other day concerning the merits of his present organization, the popular Dock replied, "positively the best I have ever been connected with." The Powers' Saturday evening.

Mrs. Laura Schinner-Mapleson and a list of celebrated European artists will appear in the Powers opera house Monday evening, May 15, in select opera from the favorite operas, "Martha" and the entire garden act of Giounio's opera "Faust."

Prof. Seidl and his mammoth operatic aggregation have reserved Hartman's for May 25. They will offer a program excerpted from the gems of Wagner, and it promises to be brilliant beyond anything of the kind ever given here.

"The Vendetta" continues to attract large and favoring audiences to The Grand. The scenic effects are capital, the acting robust and the theme of the play thrilling.

Frank Gray, advance agent for William H. Crane, arrived in The Morton last night. Mr. Crane will play "The Senator in Powers" May 23.

Frank Murphy, in the musical comedy, "A Striking Resemblance," will hold the boards in The Grand all next week.

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.

The legislative committee has recommended the passage of the bill appropriating \$12,000 to let the state agricultural society out of its financial nuddle. There are worse bills than this which get through the legislature, but this is bad enough. Wisely managed, the state fair ought to be a financial success instead of a drain on the taxpayers—Charlotte Tribune.

The New York Sun announces that President Cleveland has at length discovered a way to repeal the Sherman silver act, and that by trading federal offices for congressional votes, Georgia has a chance to secure the 20,000 office which it demands, after all.—Bay City Tribune.

Columbus received the magnificent salary of \$320 per year as "grand admiral of the seas." This is much less than the amount required to entertain his descendant, the duke of Veragua, one day.—Saginaw Courier-Herald.

People who get fleeced by sharpers at the world's fair are just as apt to become victims of the confidence man and pick pocket anywhere else, and really it is no worse that it happens at the world's fair.—Muskegon News.

It will not count for much to close the world's fair on Sunday, if you spend all the rest of the week in throwing stones at people you don't like.—Cedar Springs Clipper.

HIT AND MISS BRIEFS.

A display of the terribly destructive engines of modern warfare like we have recently had in these waters is a first-class plea for peace at almost any price.—New York Herald.

If the foreigners now in this country want to see our standing army they will do well to look in the horse car and elevated cars morning and evening.—New York Tribune.

The grand old liberty bell, as an attraction at the Pennsylvania building, is everything it is cracked up to be.—Chicago Tribune.

If Kansas lynching bills expect to obtain editorial notice in republican papers they will have to move their state south.—Memphis Appeal Advance.

You may appoint Arbor days, but you cannot make people plant trees. This seems to be the plain moral of Saturday's non observance.—Boston Journal.

The law would be more honored by honest men and feared by criminals if there were fewer appeals from their decisions.—Saginaw Sentinel.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

Among the students of one of the colleges of Buda Pesth, recently received by the Pope were seven Hebrews. His holiness conversed for some time with the students. When they left the Vatican he blessed them and sent a blessing to their parents in Buda Pesth. The Pope was greatly pleased at the visit.

Young King Alexander of Serbia, who at 17 has saved the reins of government, is a broad shouldered, big, medium height, rather handsome and unusually intelligent. He is energetic and self-willed and for his years unpleasantly cynical.

Jonathan Stanhope, an eccentric old gentleman of Wayne county, Indiana, proposes to paper his parlor with 1, 2 and 3 cent Columbian stamps. He estimates that the frank will cost him about \$1,000.

Admiral Blake, the hero after whom the flagship of the English fleet in this country is named, did not become a sailor until after he was 50 years old, but made up for lost time when he did.

General Longstreet visited Gettysburg battleground Friday for the first time since he helped General Lee organize and conduct that disastrous attack on the federal position thirty years ago.

ATE AND MADE MERRY

The Musicians' Protective Union
Holds Its

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The Feast Is Completed With a Musical Symposium of Unusual Excellence—The Program.

The Musicians' Mutual Protective union held its fifth anniversary banquet in the Bridge Street house last evening. There is a sort of sympathy between music and eating. Each has a marked influence over the emotions of humanity, and these emotions are similar. Persian history relates how strains from the harp of Timotheus aroused Alexander to set fire to the palace. A badly cooked dinner might have produced the same results. Another and a different strain inspired the monarch with soft pity for the fallen Darius. A man that has just eaten a satisfactory meal is full of the same sort of sentiment. Perhaps it was the recognition of this fact which prompted the musicians to give a banquet instead of a reception in honor of their anniversary. Although the union has been organized only five years, nearly all the competent professional musicians of the city belong to it, and it is a flourishing institution in every respect. The performers in all the best bands and orchestras in Grand Rapids are union musicians, and the order contains artists of more than local reputation.

The Anniversary Banquet. The banquet did not begin last evening until 8 o'clock. It was served in the dining room of the Bridge Street house, and covers were laid for eighty. The banquet itself was a somewhat informal affair and lasted about an hour.

The program cards were adorned with the likeness of a full grown bullfinch who from his perch on a water lily pad, soulfully twanged a golden harp in an accompaniment to a vocal solo.

After the menu had been disposed of J. A. Muehling, president of the union, stepped forward and delivered the opening address of welcome to the guests. Mr. Muehling referred briefly to the institution of the union and the success it had met. Its applicants for membership are all required to pass a satisfactory examination before they can be admitted, and the fact that a person is a union musician is proof that he is competent.

W. A. Hyde, who was a musician in Grand Rapids almost before the Indians indulged in ghost dances on the bluffs above the river, delighted his auditors with reminiscences of the early days of music in the Valley City. Miss Mable Ireland and Frank Wurzburg played a cornet duo, "Swiss Boy," by Bent. Miss Ireland is one of the few women cornetists who display exceptional talent and ability, and her performance last evening surprised those who had never listened to her excellent playing. Miss Frankie Mills, who has a clear, sympathetic soprano, sang "Be ware," by Patterson.

Mr. Frank's Solo. Ernst's "Elegie" was exquisitely rendered by Peter Frank. Mr. Frank is an artist in every respect. His execution is perfect and his conception and interpretation are those of a master. His work in the Powers' orchestra has delighted everybody who has attended the theater since he began to officiate as conductor.

Mozart's Thirteenth quartet was given by Peter Frank, first violin; E. Wynn, second, violin; W. S. Bronson, viola; Paul Goerner, cello.

As a finale to the musical program the orchestra rendered Suppe's overture, "Irrfahrt um's Glueck."

The dining room was then cleared and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing.

The anniversary celebration was by far the most successful that the union has ever held, and the excellence of the musical program reflected great credit upon the ability and training of the performers.

The officers of the union are as follows: President, J. A. Muehling; vice president, C. L. Shattuck; recording secretary, G. R. Newall; financial secretary, George W. Fuesse; treasurer, Louis Martin; board of directors, Warren Siders, W. S. Bronson, Frank Wurzburg, committee on arrangements, Frank Wurzburg, C. E. Fink, Joseph Guthrie, Jr., Weldon Smith, Herbert Heath.

WHOLESALE GROCERS.

Officers Elected at Their Annual Meeting in Detroit.

The Grand Rapids contingent of the Michigan Wholesale Grocers' association returned from Detroit yesterday, where they had been to attend the first annual meeting of the state organization. The officers and executive committee elected for the current year are as follows: President, R. O. Wheeler, Detroit; first vice president, A. Wiereng, Muskegon; second vice president, J. W. Symons, Saginaw; treasurer, William Judson, Grand Rapids; secretary, Fred H. Hall, Grand Rapids.

Executive Committee—William W. L. Brotherton, Bay City; W. H. Brice, Detroit; W. J. Gould, Detroit; W. C. Phipps, Saginaw; B. L. Deen, Grand Rapids; James Edgar, Detroit; R. Armstrong, Port Huron; H. S. Griggs, Jackson; Director, Fred B. Clark, Grand Rapids; D. L. McMoran, Port Huron; John Robson, Lansing; Edward Henkel, Detroit; L. E. Hawkins, Grand Rapids.

The association was tendered a grand banquet in the evening in the Hotel Cadillac by the Detroit association, and as a mark of their appreciation of the earnest work done by William W. L. Brotherton as chairman of the state executive committee during the past year, the Detroit wholesalers presented an elegant silver tea service to him.

GROCERS VS. HUCKSTERS.

A Sharp War Before the Committee on License Last Night.

The committee on license met last night and fixed the schedule on miscellaneous licenses. There was a large delegation of hucksters, and a number of retail grocers representing their association. These delegations were opposed to each other. The hucksters wished to keep the license for carrying on their business the same as it was last year, \$18, while the grocers wished it raised to \$25.

The committee first listened to eloquent speeches from Messrs. Elliott and Herrick. Mr. Herrick and the hucksters bought nothing but half rotten and spoiled fruit and vegetables, and sold

them to the poor people of the city. It was a menace to health, especially with cholera likely to visit the country this year. He urged the heavy taxes that grocers pay. He held that hucksters were a nuisance. Several hucksters replied and answered every argument made by the grocers. They held that if commission men or retail grocers sold spoiled goods to them to peddle they were as bad as those who did the peddling of spoiled goods. Several denied that they sold spoiled goods, and said that their customers are some of the very best families in the city. They said they would aid in prosecuting anybody found selling unwholesome goods.

E. A. Store spoke of the Italian fruit peddlers. After listening to the discussion for an hour the committee dismissed the crowd and proceeded to prepare a schedule to present to the council. The licenses in which changes were made are: Hucksters, \$20 per year; peddling cloth, \$10 per year; candy stand (candy, \$50 per year; fruit stand, \$20 for three months, \$30 for six months and \$50 for one year; candy and confectionery stands, \$20 for three months, \$30 for six months and \$50 for one year; fruit in baskets, \$5 for three months, \$10 for six months and \$15 for one year; groceries for one year, \$50. The other changes made were of small account. The schedule will be submitted Monday night with the proposed changes.

MARY'S LITTLE BALLOT.

It Causes a Sensation and Retains Superintendent Faulkner.

TORREY, Kan., May 10.—Mrs. Mary E. Leane caused a sensation here today. She is one of the popular members on the board of charities. There are five popular members and two republicans. A vote was taken for the superintendent of the Soldier's Orphan's home. The two republicans voted for Faulkner, the present incumbent, and the populists for a new man. Mrs. Leane having the casting vote, arose and declared that Faulkner would never be put out by her vote. "He was a member of the Buck Tail regiment," she said, "and stood beside and cared for two brothers who died on the battlefield." Populists roundly abused Mrs. Leane for the act.

W. C. T. U. Convention.

MUSKEGON, Mich., May 10.—The fourth session of the state W. C. T. U. was opened this morning with an address by Mrs. L. M. Boies of Grand Rapids. Over 200 delegates applauded her remarks. The president read a paper containing recommendations regarding the changing of the state dues to 25 cents, securing the services of Mrs. Ellis of New Jersey to organize new unions, the presentation of a memorial to Governor Rich asking him to place a number of women on the board of control, which will be considered and acted upon tomorrow.

"Work Among Colored People" was the very able paper read by Mrs. J. C. Ford of Grand Rapids. Mrs. E. R. Green of Detroit spoke on juvenile work, and Mrs. C. E. Roddy, who was registered from Podunk, Dr. Barry was going to Muskegon to help the state medical school in their annual convocations.

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L. K. Gibbs, a Mayfield lumberman and capitalist, was among yesterday's Michigan arrivals in Sweet's.

George J. Barney of Charlotte was among the arrivals in The Morton yesterday.

MOTEL CHATS.

"Did you ever count the number of persons you meet who wear glasses?" asked John E. Stearns of Philadelphia in Sweet's yesterday. "I tried it the other day and counted 25. That seems enormous, doesn't it? Think of meeting that many persons with defective eyesight on the street in the course of one day. And that represents only the ones who are forced to wear glasses all the time. I believe fully one-half of the people of the country have more or less defective eyesight. Many of them, perhaps the greater portion of them, never know it. I know in my own case I went around for several years, supposing that I could see just as well as anybody. Things at a certain distance appeared rather hazy to me, and the bricks in a wall across the street were never clearly defined, but I supposed this was perfectly natural. One day a friend of mine, who is an oculist, insisted upon testing my eyes, and when he told me that I not only had astigmatism, but was near-sighted, too, I wouldn't believe him. I found that I was, however, and probably had never seen anything distinctly in my life until I put on glasses. Since then I have been much interested in the eyesight of everybody I meet, and have found from quizzing and cross-examining that few persons who use their eyes to any great extent can see perfectly."

J. W. Wheelock of New York, eastern manager for the Nelson & Matter Furniture company, arrived in The Morton yesterday. "I have been in Cincinnati attending the hotel men's convention. We came on a special train, and today we are in Chicago enjoying the beauties of the world's fair. I shall go to Chicago from here and return to New York with the party. The furniture trade in the east is very much as it is in the rest of the country—very dull. All kinds of business seem to be stagnated just at present, and nobody knows exactly how to account for it."

A distinguished party of physicians and surgeons arrived in The Morton last evening on their way to Muskegon. Flemming Carrow, W. J. Herdman, J. N. Martin and George Dock came up from Ann Arbor. Detroit was represented by Herschell Whittaker, L. R. Case, Thomas A. McGraw and Leontus Conner. George C. Palmer and J. C. Wilson of Flint were among the distinguished specialists. Others in the party were P. D. Patterson of Charlotte, William Phillips of Paw Paw and H. C. Wilson of Ionia.

E. W. Hudnutt, of the Hudnutt Machine and Foundry company of Big Rapids, dined in The Morton yesterday. He was accompanied by Dr. Frank Barry of Roddy, who was registered from Podunk. Dr. Barry was going to Muskegon to help the state medical school in their annual convocations.

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TO SLEEP, TO REST

Perchance to dream. Aye, there's the rub. For when we've laid aside the burdens of the day and in the arms of Morpheus seek repose, what dreams of petty household cares may come must give us pause.

PAUSE! PAUSE!! PAUSE!!!

At least long enough to see what we have new to offer you today.

The Cream City Flour Bin and Sifter

Is the first thing particularly attracting our attention, and it is well worth all the notice given to it. Made of heavy tin, handsomely japanned, with sifter protected from pressure of flour in the bin, so that they work easily and smoothly under all circumstances. They make the most convenient receptacle for flour that could be imagined. We keep them in two sizes, the smaller holding 25 lbs. and the larger 50 lbs.

A Word Fitly Spoken
Is Like Apples of Gold in
Pictures of Silver.

A house nicely fitted with

Window Screens and Screen Doors

Is a very material personification of solid comfort.

All ordinary sizes of good Screen Doors always on hand.

ADJUSTABLE WINDOW SCREENS.

Wire Cloth for those who wish to make their own doors and windows. Wire Poultry Netting, useful as well for training running vines as inclosing your chickens. Flower Bed Netting, all widths, to protect your flower beds from dogs, chickens or anything else. Plain Fence Wire, Galvanized Fence Wire, Screen Door Hinges, Screen Door Knobs, Screen Door Catches and Hooks.

TAKE TIME BY THE FETLOCK

And be fully prepared for the warm, flyey summer which is close at hand.

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